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**GOVERNOR ROBERT LOVE TAYLOR**  
**(1850-1912)**  
**1887-1891**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This finding aid covers the gubernatorial papers of Tennessee Governor Robert Love Taylor, who served from 1887-1891. It consists of twenty-eight boxes, of materials that consist of correspondence, petitions for pardons, requisitions for extradition, and miscellaneous materials.

There are no restrictions on the use of the materials and researchers may make copies of individual items for individual or scholarly use.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

### **Governor Robert Love Taylor**

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|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1850       | Born in Carter County, Tennessee, third son of Nathaniel Greene and Emma (Haynes) Taylor.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| c. 1861    | Taylor family moves to small home near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Taylor sons enrolled in Pennington Seminary near Trenton, New Jersey.                                                                                                                      |
| 1867       | Family relocates to Washington D.C.; Nathaniel Taylor becomes Commissioner of Indian Affairs under appointment by President Andrew Johnson.                                                                                                                   |
| 1869       | Taylor family returns to Happy Valley, Tennessee; Taylor sons enrolled in the Buffalo Institute (now Milligan College). Bob's formal education terminates at East Tennessee Wesleyan University, Athens, Tennessee.                                           |
| 1874-1878  | Robert engaged in many unsuccessful business activities; moves to Jonesborough, and begins to read law in the office of Judge S.J. Kirkpatrick. Bob enters campaign for Congressman of the First Congressional District, and wins over Republican challenger. |
| c. 1880    | Defeated for re-election to Congress; establishes a weekly newspaper, THE COMET in Johnson City, Tennessee with the aid of friends.                                                                                                                           |
| c. 1884    | Presidential elector for Grover Cleveland; after Cleveland's election, becomes Pension Agent for Knoxville district. THE COMET folds after financial difficulties.                                                                                            |
| 1884       | Campaigns for Governor of Tennessee against his own brother, Alfred; engaged in the famous "War of the Roses" campaign. Robert wins over his Republican brother, and elected to his first term as Governor.                                                   |
| 1887, 1897 | Re-elected to second, third term as Governor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1907       | Elected to the United States Senate by the State Legislature.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1910       | Campaigns against Republican Ben W. Hooper for Governor of Tennessee; unsuccessful in election.                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1912       | (March 31) Dies after attack of gallstones in Washington, D.C.; burial in Knoxville, Tennessee.                                                                                                                                                               |

## CONTAINER LIST

### Microfilm Roll #1

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#### Box 1

##### Correspondence – General

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|--------------------|------|
| 1. McMullen        | 1880 |
| 2. Baird-Taylor    | 1886 |
| 3. Abbott-Aydelock | 1887 |
| 4. Babb-Byars      | 1887 |
| 5. Caldwell-Curtin | 1887 |
| 6. Fagan-Fuqua     | 1887 |
| 7. Dahlberg-Dykes  | 1887 |
| 8. Eakin-Ezell     | 1887 |

#### Box 2

##### Correspondence – General

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|----------------------|------|
| 1. Gate-Groves       | 1887 |
| 2. Hackett-Hitchcock | 1887 |
| 3. Hobson-Judd       | 1887 |
| 4. Katzenberger-Lynn | 1887 |
| 5. Maddox-Norwood    | 1887 |

#### Box 3

##### Correspondence – General

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|---------------------|------|
| 1. Ochs-Quarles     | 1887 |
| 2. Radford-Rutledge | 1887 |
| 3. Sanford-Sykes    | 1887 |
| 4. Taylor-Tyson     | 1887 |
| 5. Upson-Young      | 1887 |

#### Box 4

##### Correspondence – General

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|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Outgoing        | 1888-1889 |
| 2. Abernathy-Bible | 1888      |
| 3. Biggs-Byars     | 1888      |
| 4. Camp-Curtin     | 1888      |
| 5. Dabney-Ewing    | 1888      |

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| 6. Farnsworth-Gump | 1888 |
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**Box 5****Correspondence – General**

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|-------------------|------|
| 1. Hadden-Hyden   | 1888 |
| 2. Ivie-Lusty     | 1888 |
| 3. Macfeely-Ozier | 1888 |
| 4. Pace-Rutledge  | 1888 |
| 5. Sanford-Sykes  | 1888 |

**Box 6****Correspondence – General**

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|--------------------|------|
| 1. Talbutt-Wright  | 1888 |
| 2. Abel-Bush       | 1889 |
| 3. Caldwell-Curtin | 1889 |
| 4. Dabney-Ewing    | 1889 |
| 5. Fairbanks-Grove | 1889 |

**Box 7****Correspondence – General**

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|--------------------|------|
| 1. Halbert-Hyden   | 1889 |
| 2. Irvine-Kyle     | 1889 |
| 3. Lander-Myers    | 1889 |
| 4. Nankivell-Rymer | 1889 |

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**Box 8****Correspondence – General**

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|-----------------------|------|
| 1. Sanford-Swann      | 1889 |
| 2. Taliaferro-Young   | 1889 |
| 3. Adcock-Burdett     | 1890 |
| 4. Cabell-Curtin      | 1890 |
| 5. Dabney-Fulgham     | 1890 |
| 6. Gaines-Kirkpatrick | 1890 |

**Box 9****Correspondence – General**

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Latimore-Quarles             | 1890           |
| 2. Raleigh-Swiggart             | 1890           |
| 3. Taylor-Young                 | 1890           |
| 4. Barton                       | 1891           |
| 5. Allen-Watson (Undated)       |                |
| 6. Unsigned                     | 1888-1889-1890 |
| 7. Telegrams (January-December) | 1887-1890      |
| 8. Newspaper Clippings          | 1887-1891      |

**Box 10**

1. Message of Governor Taylor to the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1889
2. Proclamations 1886-1890
3. Reports 1887-1888-1889-1890
4. Petitions for positions 1886-1888-1889-1890
5. Commissioners of Registration 1889-1890
6. Affidavits 1187-1888-1889
7. Miscellaneous Material 1887-1891

**Box 11**

1. Applications for reward, 1887-1888-1889-1890

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**Box 12**

1. Requisitions for Extradition, 1887

**Box 13**

1. Requisitions for Extradition, 1888

**Box 14**

1. Requisitions for Extradition, 1889

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**Box 15**

1. Requisitions for Extradition, 1890

**Box 16**

1. Applications for Pardon, 1887-1888-1890

**Box 17**

1. Petitions for Pardon – A-G, 1887

**Box 18**

1. Petitions for Pardon – H-P, 1887

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**Box 19**

1. Petitions for Pardon – R-W, 1887

**Box 20**

1. Petitions for Pardon – G-F, 1888

**Box 21**

1. Petitions for Pardon – G-M, 1888

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**Box 22**

1. Petitions for Pardon – N-Y, 1888

**Box 23**

1. Petitions for Pardon – A-E, 1889

**Box 24**

1. Petitions for Pardon – F-M, 1889

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**Box 25**

1. Petitions for Pardon – N-W, 1889

**Box 26**

1. Protest against Pardon, 1890
2. Petitions for Pardon – A-F, 1890

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**Box 27**

1. Petitions for Pardon – G-M, 1890

**Box 28**

1. Petitions for Pardon – R-W, 1890-1891